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Otis,

Thanks for reaching out. It was a pleasure to talk to you this morning. As I mentioned, EPA welcomes and shares the Air Force desire to find a resolution to the Edwards Air Force Base, South Air Force Research Laboratory Site Dispute. To that end, please feel free to reach out to me at any point when you have questions or wants to discuss something further. In addition, if useful, our division director, Enrique Manzanilla is also available.

As I mentioned, I am glad to hear you are interested in possibly visiting our region and assisting with the other challenges we are facing. We have the following three formal disputes:

- 1. Edwards Air Force Base, South Air Force Research Laboratory Site Dispute
- 2. Edwards Air Force Base, Air Force Research Laboratory Arroyos Site Dispute

3. Williams Air Force Base, AFB OU6 SS 017 Old Pesticide Paint Shop

In addition, we also have two informal disputes:

- 1. Edwards OU8: Premature shut off of Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System at Site 25.
- 2. Williams: ST012: Premature shutoff and deconstruction of the steam enhanced extraction system.

Another major challenge discussed at multiple levels already is related to some of the Performance Base Contracts (PBC). Attached please find the narrative of those issues.

Again, thanks for reaching out. I look forward to continue working with you on these issues and continue making progress on our site cleanups.

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